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SUBJ: CPIFA OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON FOREIGN POLICY
ISSUES

1. BRADEMAS/SCHWEIKER CODEL'S PEKING-BASED CHINESE HOSTS AND THE CODEL'S USLO ESCORT OFFICER RETURNED TOGETHER TO PEKING FROM SHANGHAI APRIL 18 ON CAAC FLIGHT EARLY IN THE FLIGHT MADAME KANG TAI-SHA, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (CPIFA), SWITCHED PLACES WITH A SUBORDINATE SO AS TO SIT NEXT TO USLO OFFICER.

2. IN THE ENSUING CONVERSATION, MADAME KANG MADE TWO SUBSTANTIVE POINTS, AS FOLLOWS:

3. SHE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR A COMMENT CHIP CARTER HAD MADE TO THE CHINESE, TO THE EFFECT THAT SENATOR SPARKMAN'S REMARKS IN TAIPEI ON US-CHINA RELATIONS (AS REPORTED IN VOA BROADCAST HEARD IN SHANGHAI THE MORNING OF APRIL 19) SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS THE SENATOR'S PERSONAL VIEWS. ACCORDING TO MADAME KANG, THE CHINESE ACCOMPANYING THE CODEL
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HAD NOT HEARD THE VOA BROADCAST AND HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF SENATOR SPARKMAN'S REMARKS UNTIL MR. CARTER MENTIONED THEM AND OFFERED HIS COMMENT.

4. SHE REITERATED THE NEED TO PAY PRIMARY ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF "THE POLAR BEAR," RATHER THAN TO BILATERAL ISSUES. HERE SHE CITED THE REMARKS

ALONG THE SAME LINES BY VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN
IN HIS MEETING WITH THE CODEL APRIL 12 (PEKING 705
AND 723). HER STATEMENT, IN EFFECT REINFORCING
SIMILAR REMARKS VARIOUS CHINESE OFFICIALS HAD MADE
JUST AFTER THE LI HSIEN-NIEN/CODEL MEETING, COULD
REFLECT CONCERN THAT LI HIMSELF HAD NOT SUFFI-
CIENTLY IMPRESSED THIS POINT OF VIEW ON THE CODEL.
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